

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 September 2019. The recommendations as set out in the reports of the Executive are outlined below. A paper setting out the decisions of the Executive will be tabled at the meeting of Council.

### EXECUTIVE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### 10a. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR I JOHNSON – HEATHROW RAIL LINK

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council:

- 1) Notes the UK Government’s invitation in May 2019 for market-led proposals for a new rail link connecting Heathrow Airport from the south and Waterloo and Surrey/Hampshire and this Council’s long-term aspiration for a direct rail link to Heathrow Airport;
- 2) supports action to benefit the environment by minimising traffic and pollution by transferring journeys from road to rail;
- 3) welcomes the initiative of Heathrow Southern Railway to propose a project involving a direct rail link from Woking to Heathrow Airport including significant sections via tunnels to minimise environmental impact; and
- 4) asks the Council to write to the Member of Parliament for Woking to press the Secretary of State for Transport to expedite the process of approving a project and selecting a preferred developer, and to advise members when this has been done.”

#### 10b. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR G CUNDY – INTRODUCE A PLANNING POLICY TO GREEN NEW DEVELOPMENT OVER 15 STOREYS

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“This Council should introduce a policy at the earliest opportunity whereby any new planning application for development over 15 storeys should have at least 20% of its total surface area as living wall, garden terrace or roof garden. Where the Council has ownership, control or interest this policy should be adopted prior to formal policy introduction as a matter of internal policy.”

#### 10c. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR A-M BARKER – FIERY BIRD VENUE/PHOENIX CULTURAL CENTRE

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“This Council supports the work of the Fiery Bird Venue/Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC and calls for a permanent space to be found for this project in Woking Town Centre.”

**10d. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR M ALI – CHAIRMANSHIP OF OVERSIGHT PANELS**

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“The democratic system works best with checks and balances and distributed decision making as opposed to centralized and single source authority. As such it’s important that the chairs of the over sight panels including but not limited to Victoria Square and Sheerwater are elected by the councillors who are the members of the respective panel and shall as a recommendation not be the relevant portfolio holders. This serves democratic practices best.

Following the approval of this motion immediate election for the chairs of the oversight panels shall be held for the current year (irrespective of any past decisions) and there after every year follow the same pattern as the rest of the committees of the council for election of the chair.

This shall apply to existing and future panels.

In view of the recent meeting of Victoria Square, I request that this motion be determined by the full council now and not referred to the executive.”

**10e. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR A-M BARKER – REVIEW OF KINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT STADIUM CAPACITIES**

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“Council notes that a capacity of 5000 is sufficient for a football team to compete in League Two. Council calls on officers to assess the effect on current proposals for development at Kingfield of stadium capacities at various levels between 6000 and 8000.”

**10f. RECOMMENDATION FROM CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That

- (i) the Climate Change Working Group’s recommended public definition of carbon neutrality, set out below, be adopted and published on the Council’s website:

“On 25 July 2019, the Council pledged to become carbon neutral by 2030. It will reduce to zero any greenhouse emissions associated with its own estate and operations. Where any remaining emissions cannot be avoided, the Council will offset these through projects such as tree planting and maintain trade in renewable energy, thereby eliminating its contribution to climate change”;

- (ii) the Climate Change Working Group’s recommended definition of the Council’s estate and operations - comprising all Council owned assets (as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the Climate Change Working Group Report at Appendix 1) - be adopted;
- (iii) the Climate Change Working Group’s recommended baseline year of 2018/19 for monitoring emissions be adopted;

## Recommendations of the Executive

- (iv) in the longer term, the Council will develop plans for borough-wide emissions and adaptation actions to address the climate and ecological emergency, in so far as it is able to influence activities beyond its direct control, with the aim of carbon neutrality by 2050; and
- (v) the Planning Committee, having regard to the Parking Standards Supplementary Document, be requested to exercise its discretion wherever possible to permit zero or minimal parking provision in Woking Town Centre developments.

The Council has the authority to determine the recommendations set out above.

**Background Papers:** None.

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